

Date: March 4, 2004

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the February Commission meeting.

### A. BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4 is scheduled to hear the Commission's budget (along with several other agency budgets) on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #4 is currently scheduled to hear the Commission's budget on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### B. STAFF PROJECTS

Legal Division staff participated in the City Attorneys' Continuing Education Program of the California League of Cities in San Jose on Feb. 26, 2004. General Counsel Luisa Menchaca, Assistant General Counsel John Wallace, and Commission Counsels Natalie Bocanegra and Galena West spoke on a variety of topics, including conflict-of-interest, 1090 and other conflicts laws. Chairman Randolph was the keynote luncheon speaker.

The Public Education Unit has produced a new brochure, entitled "Voicing Your View," that encourages public participation in the Commission's Interested Persons process.

### C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last Commission meeting, the agency has approved the following codes/amendments:

BETA Healthcare Group Risk Management Authority  
California Department of Toxic Substances  
California State University

#### D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

**David Boul, FPPC No. 99/438.** On February 4, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, who qualified as an independent expenditure committee for the June 8, 1999 City of Ontario special election, failed to file a late independent expenditure report in violation of Government Code section 84204; failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement in violation of Government Code section 84200(b); and failed to file a supplemental independent expenditure report in violation of Government Code Section 84203.5.

**Jeff Palmisano, FPPC No. 02/620.** On February 11, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a member of the planning commission for the City of Delano, failed to timely file 2001 and 2002 annual statements of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203, and failed to timely file a leaving office statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87204.

**Ronald Bullard, FPPC No. 02/597.** On February 11, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a member of the Dental Examiners Board for the California Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file 2001 and 2002 annual statements of economic interest, in violation of Government Code section 87300.

**Kurt Scholberg, FPPC No. 02/739.** On February 11, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a member of the planning commission for the County of Sierra, failed to timely file a 2001 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203.

**Jim Rosecrans, FPPC No. 02/803.** On February 11, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a member of the Butte Valley Resource Conservation District for the County of Siskiyou, failed to timely file 2001 and 2002 annual statements of economic interest, in violation of Government Code section 87300.

#### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Pursuant to regulation 18404.1, campaign committees facing termination by December 31, 2002, who desire an extension of that deadline must submit a request to the Executive Director by December 1, 2002. Since my last report to the Commission, I have responded to the following requests:

**Arguello For Assembly.** First request for extension granted for a period of 4 months. The committee has received commitments for contributions that will help erase significant portions of the committee's net debt.